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COUNTRY:

Brazil - United States

SUBJECT:

General Ljubo ILLICH

DATE OF

INFORMATION:

July 1946

EVALUATION:

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The following information concerning General ILLICH's arrival in Brazil and intended departure for the United States was originated in Paris and dates from July 22, 1946. Background material included in the report dates from June 1946.

l. It is reported that General Ljubo ILLICH, recently appointed Jugoslav ambassador to Brazil, arrived clandestinely in Rio de Janeiro on July 6th, en route to the United States.

- 2. Prior to ILLICH's appointment to Rio it had been reported that he was to be sent to the United States, probably under the cover of "consul-general" to San Francisco for the express purpose of organizing a network of secret communist cells in this country.
- old-line communist and has long specialized in clandestine activity. He is stated to have always been a Comintern agent, and at various times has been instrumental in the organization of the French, German and Spanish communist parties. ILLICH was one of those accused of implication in the assassination of King Alexander in Marseille in 1934, and during the Spanish civil war he served as commissar of the Comintern in the Republican army.

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